

STATEMENT OF WORK**Animal Trails and Walkways (575)****Issued May 28, 2004****Contact: State Conservation Engineer at 701-530-2097**

DESIGN**Deliverables:**

1. Design documentation that will demonstrate that the criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with other planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client.
 - c. Compliance with NRCS national and state utility safety policy (NEM Part 503-Safety, Subpart A - Engineering Activities Affecting Utilities 503.00 through 503.06).
 - d. Practice standard criteria related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Location/alignment
 - ii. Hydrology/drainage
 - iii. Construction operations
 - iv. Vegetation
 - v. Environmental Considerations
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Identify fields where practice to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.
4. Operation and Maintenance Plan.
5. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations (NEM Subpart A, 505.03 (a) (3)).
6. Design modifications during installation as required.

INSTALLATION**Deliverables:**

1. Pre Installation conference with client and contractor.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Installation inspection (according to inspection plan as appropriate).
 - a. Actual materials used (Part 512, Subchapter D Quality Assurance Activities, 512.33)
 - b. Inspection records
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the installation process and materials meets design and permit requirements.

CHECK OUT**Deliverables:**

1. As-Built documentation.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Drawings
 - c. Final quantities
2. Certification that the installation meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits (NEM Subpart A, 505.03 (c) (1)).
3. Exit conference with client and contractor.
4. Record progress reporting according to NRCS policy.

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REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard - Animal Trails and Walkways, 575
- NRCS National Engineering Manual (NEM).
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook